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MNR battle lines drawn

Petition against changes to Clear Lake reserve making its way to Minister of Natural Resources and MPP

By George Farrell

Talk has turned into action after a recent public meeting to address concerns over the MNR's proposal for the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve.

As a result of the Saturday, March 10 meeting held at a packed West Guilford Recreation Centre, a petition with 112 signatures will be sent to local MPP Laurie Scott, the Minister of Natural Resources Michael Gravelle and his Deputy Minister.

Back on February 9, the MNR announced in a Preliminary Managements Statement that they were expanding the 1,307 hectare Clear Lake Conservation Reserve and creating more restrictions for the use of the area. These restrictions included: prohibiting the use of existing logging trails for motorized recreational use, prohibiting the use of cached boats and canoes on remote lakes, prohibiting the grooming of existing trails for skiing and snow shoeing and effectively prohibiting trail maintenance for most of the remaining users.

On February 12, three days after that announcement, the MNR called an open house meeting for February 16 at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre. Due to the short notice, a small group of landowners and users attended the meeting.

The most recent follow-up meeting, which was organized by Friends of the Clear Lake Conservation Area Heritage Trails Association (FCLHTA), saw some 140 people in attendance, including property owners and recreational users.

Because the MNR did not attend the meeting, it was left to several speakers to explain the MNR restrictions and the effects they could have. Those speakers included Professor Mike Brook of McMaster University, Tayce Wakefield (both trail users) and property owner Larry Hewitt.

Brook, who likes to ski and snowshoe in the area and who advocates continued and sustainable access to the Reserve, outlined both the MNR perspective and that of the FCLHTA with a series of slides.

"These are very important issues for future generations and



Ten-year-old Glen Bagg contemplates life and granite. He was the youngest curler at the fourth annual Curl for Care Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club last Saturday, March 10. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

that's why we're here today. Enough said," said Brook.

Wakefield is sending in a personal letter to the MNR outlining her concerns. As a regular skier in the area, she said that if the trails were no longer groomed she would not be able to break new ones on her own as she is getting older.

Property owner Robert Lee questioned just what it is that property owners are paying for. "What are we paying taxes for? We have no sewers, no mail delivery and no hydro. We

have the right to have hydro and the right to access the lake like we've done for 60 years," said Lee.

Other property owners on Clear Lake who have been cottaging there for years expressed concerns that their rights to access their properties as they have in the past would be eroded with the proposed changes.

Even though the MNR didn't attend the meeting they do appear to be listening. Brook announced that the original 45 days public

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Mike Brook

McMaster University

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Mike Brook points to some of the issues with the MNR's plans for the Clear Lake Conservation Reserve. Photo by George Farrell.

Public seeks greater role with MNR

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comment period had been extended by the MNR to include an additional 30 days, and in an interview prior to the meeting FCLHTA spokesperson Peter Hewitt revealed that Lyle Sawyer, a trapper who feared that the proposed changes would prevent him from trapping, was told by the MNR that he could continue trapping in the Clear Lake Reserve.

There wasn't the same level of outrage towards the MNR that was displayed in the first meeting. It was felt by many that

the MNR, the landowners and users all wanted what was best for the Reserve.

"The ministry are good people. We're good people. Let's get together," said Wakefield.

In a brief statement, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that he was concerned "that the public were not involved enough in the process." Public involvement and input is what FCLHTA have been fighting for since the beginning of the process.

FCLHTA President Jim Redner said prior to the meeting that if 100 people were to show up, "there's no way that the MNR can avoid dealing with these issues."

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County news

Search on for ambassadors

Yours Outdoors heading up tourism campaign for County

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton County has asked long-time Highlands “tourism ambassador” Barrie Martin – founder of Yours Outdoors, an experiential tourism business – to front an ambitious campaign aimed at transforming the local business paradigm.

The task? Making Haliburton County user-friendly and amenable to visitors.

The Tourism Ambassador Program is a new initiative headed by Martin to entrench a commonness of service, a level of communication and a united front among businesses in the county, aimed at not only drawing people to the county, but delivering exceptional service once they’re here.

That might seem like a no-brainer concept. But it hasn’t been tried in the past and the county feels that it’s worth an investment. At a meeting among news outlets and Yours Outdoors representatives last week at the Heritage House Café in Haliburton, Martin and program protégé Sean Pennylegion said the Tourism Ambassador

Program has been tasked by county to fix a number of perceived deficiencies.

Martin said that the ambassador strategy begins with the brand, and ends with grass roots communication.

“There is confusion and inconsistency with terms we use to describe the place we live,” said Martin in his prepared notes. “The use of the name ‘Haliburton Highlands’ instead of Haliburton or Haliburton County will be encouraged.”

Martin and Yours Outdoors will be going door-to-door encouraging area businesses to sign on to the program. Once they do sign on, businesses or individuals will receive – free of charge – a presentation on “customer services and how to engage customers when they enter your business.”

Businesses won’t be considered a County Ambassador until they have attended the presentation and signed on to the service commitment agreement says Martin.

He says that businesses who participate will be certified and recognized as a Haliburton Highlands Tourism Ambassador and they will receive a window sign acknowledging that status.

Ambassadors will also receive tourism information from the county on upcoming events and celebrations, with the acknowledgement that they will actively pass on that information to customers, tourists and locals.

Businesses and individuals are welcome to participate. For further information on the program, contact Yours Outdoors at 705-754-3436 or info@yoursoutdoors.ca.

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Nicola Jowett places an ambassador sticker in her window at The Heritage House Café. Photo by Terrance Gavan.



Our representative writes

Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

The Ontario Legislature resumed sitting on February 21. Since then, it has been a boisterous session. One of the main topics has

been the recently released Commission on the Reform of Ontario’s Public Services, or *The Drummond Report*, as it is more commonly referred. This report, by one of Canada’s leading economists, painted a very bleak picture of Ontario’s economic health. Mr. Drummond believes that unless drastic measures are taken, Ontario’s deficit will grow from \$16 billion to \$30 billion by 2017... the year by which the Premier and Finance Minister committed to having a balanced budget. During the same period, Ontario’s debt will grow to \$411 billion.

My colleagues and I in the PC Caucus have been speaking out constantly about the need to rein in out-of-control government spending. However, the forecast presented by Mr. Drummond is far worse than even we imagined. My colleagues and I continue to press the government for an immediate freeze on public sector wages as a means of starting to bring government spending under control.

Another priority for the official

Opposition has been to press the government for a moratorium on further construction of industrial wind turbines and the return of final authority to municipalities. This issue has caused a firestorm across Ontario and seems to symbolize the urban-rural divide which seems to exist with the current government. When wind turbines were proposed for the Scarborough shore of Lake Ontario, concerned citizens forced the government to back down. Unfortunately, this government doesn’t seem to put the same weight on rural voices and their concern for human and animal health.

As my party’s critic for Natural Resources, it has been a busy few months, learning the intricacies of what is a very complex Ministry. I have been immersed in issues pertaining to hunting and fishing, forestry, access to Crown lands, aggregate mining and the *Endangered Species Act* and its impact on agriculture, forestry and outdoor recreational activities.

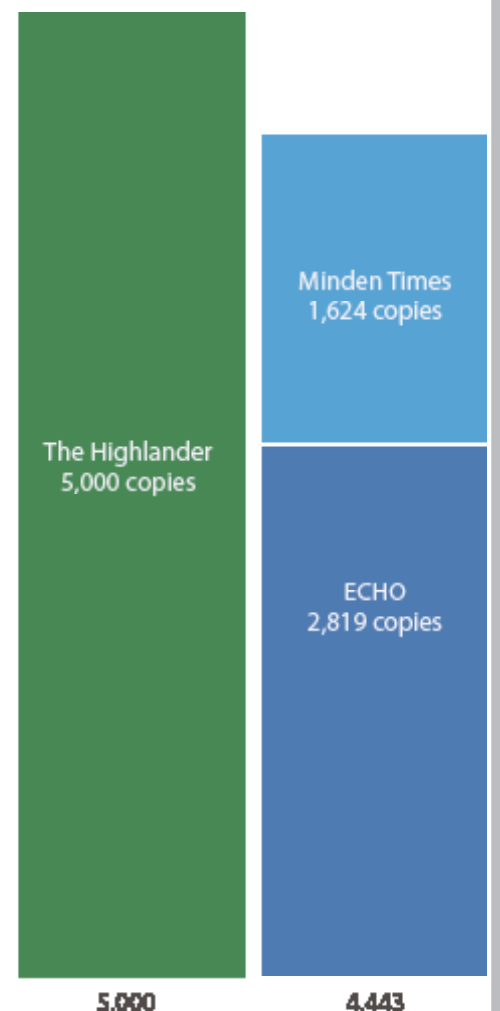
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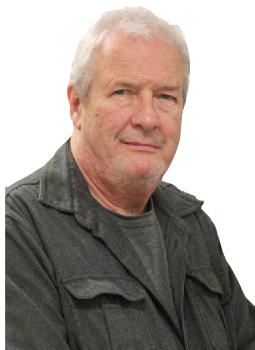
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Editorial opinion



By Stephen Patrick

The volunteer industry – can't live without it

Just imagine, for a moment, the Haliburton Highlands without volunteers.

Here's a very short list of what would be lost: essential support staff for SIRCH, Community Care, Community Living, the Rails End Gallery, the Highland Storm, the Arts and Crafts show, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, Ducks Unlimited, the Home and Cottage show (sponsored since 1979 by the Curling Club, all volunteers), volunteer firefighters, Relay for Life, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors and all other NGOs, the lake associations, lake

stewards, the ATV and snowmobile associations and Nordic trail associations.

Plus the various service clubs and the hundreds of thousands of dollars they raise annually for the community. Plus the annual fund raisers for the HHHS, Fleming College and our local fire departments. Not to mention all the volunteers who help out daily in our school system. Not to mention... and the list could fill this column.

Volunteerism is as Canadian as maple syrup and has been around almost as long. When my paternal grandfather arrived in Canada in 1905, he got a job as an apprentice machinist with Vulcan Ironworks in Winnipeg and shortly thereafter signed up with the local branch of the St. John Ambulance. This wasn't special: it was just what you did.

In the last 20 years or so, volunteerism, as it's called, has mushroomed to the point where some cynics see it almost as an industry, replacing to some degree the traditional roles of government and in some instances, the private sector.

In a cross-Canada survey conducted in 2007, Stats Canada found that 46 percent of Canadians 15 years of age and older were performing some kind of community service. Volunteers in that year devoted 2.1 billion hours of their time, an impressive enough total. But even more impressive, if not worrisome, is that those hours represented some 1.1 million full-time jobs. Imagine what economic activity and communal wealth those jobs would create in our current difficult and depressed economy.

Here's one simple example: last week the Highlands celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Glen Dart Hockey Tournament. Its namesake was Dysart et al's full-time recreation director in the 1940s and '50s. He coached the hockey teams, baseball teams, helped youth in trouble, organized parades and a vast range of community events. No one's suggesting that would be possible in 2012, with literally hundreds of boys and girls ranging in age from three to 17 playing some form of Highland Storm hockey. But it's illustrative of our society's shift away from paid community-based employees to a totally volunteer model.

As I look around our staff here at *The Highlander*, I don't see anyone who doesn't volunteer in some capacity in our community. In the mid-1980s, I was executive producer of about seven different TVOntario evening series, employing, exclusive of technical staff, about 50 people. I can guarantee that you could count the number of community volunteers on one hand, if that. Not that we were all selfish; simply that we were in a highly-competitive industry working extremely demanding hours, which allowed very little time for family – if we were lucky enough to continue to have one. Volunteerism? That was for the churches and synagogues, or some government department in charge of helping people: wasn't that what government was for?

Of course, even back then, communities like ours in the Highlands enjoyed the work of volunteers much as today, if on a smaller scale. In the city, the United Way and other major charities also depended heavily on individual volunteers in the corporate and government world. But the sheer scale of volunteerism in communities large and small is entirely different.

In future issues of *The Highlander*, we'll try to explore just what this shift will mean to us as a community down the road and what the professional and personal makeup of our volunteers tells us about who and what we are.

Meanwhile, it's important to point out that most of us in the Highlands benefit in some way, on a daily basis, from our stalwart core of volunteers.



By Bram Lebo

Proof, meet pudding

If, like me, you've had the good fortune to discover George's Savoury Pies in Argyle (real lard, unreal crust), you'll no doubt be familiar with George's problem: there's just not enough traffic on that country road to keep the ovens in business. Sadly, George has on more than one occasion had to close up for a month or three.

What George could use is a billboard on Highway 12, something to point the pie-lovers in his direction. Or, he might consider an online sales tool like MadeinHaliburton.ca, the website launched earlier this month.

Plans for the site were announced to the community in January and were greeted by a passive-aggressive combination of cautious enthusiasm (another grant project) and outright hostility (ripping off and stifling artists, not necessarily in that order). Now, roughly on time, it is here.

The first thing you'll notice on MadeinHaliburton.ca is the art. I happen to like art; I never miss a chance to check out an art show, no matter where I am, and I've seen a lot on my travels. Small communities all over the world claim to be artist colonies and draw in crowds, but most of them are mediocre. I've never found one with such high-quality, interesting, diverse and sometimes very cool art as our own Haliburton County.

Sure, there are always a few good things in other places, but something in the Highlands air must be attracting talent because there is too much of it to be random. And on top of the artists and the work they produce, we seem to have a lot of people who genuinely appreciate both.

I would guess from looking at MadeinHaliburton.ca that Don and Marie Gage are two of those people. The site is respectful of the art it showcases, putting it front and centre and leaving the commercial necessities to the sidebars. You can look up art by type and see the biographies of artists themselves — it's designed not so much to sell you as to introduce you.

The layout is functional and practical, the only downside being perhaps that the logo and background somehow do not convey the vibrancy of the landscape in which the artists reside; the art says Highlands, but the site does not.

Still, it's a fantastic idea, and if it makes the sale for artists, a 30% commission is a very reasonable price to pay for a bypass that takes online traffic down your isolated country road and straight into your studio. George would be envious.

It will be interesting to see if MadeinHaliburton.ca can draw new buyers to local artists. Creating a new brand is enormously expensive and difficult, and it's hard to imagine MadeinHaliburton.ca getting on the Christmas lists of art lovers from Vancouver to Vietnam. But perhaps that isn't necessary — locals and cottagers are familiar enough with the local art scene; having it all in one place, centrally marketed and promoted, could be enough to raise the fortunes of local artists enough to make it worthwhile.

Let's hope so, because if MadeinHaliburton.ca succeeds it will have managed to solve the problem George (can we have a food section?) and so many artists face: the same solitude and natural beauty that inspires them to create also keeps them far from potential buyers of their work.

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Letters to the Editor

Money allows condo developers to reapply

Rethink community events

Dear Editor:

A similar situation has been unfolding in downtown Mississauga.

Condo developers are coming in and applying for permits to build condos.

They usually get rejected on the first try, but they have enough money to keep reapplying so that eventually the public just gives in and lets them build.

Great editorial and thanks for sharing.

Eric Skicki
Mississauga

Dear Editor:

Right off the top, I'm not a snowmobile owner so the first part of this comment is observational and second-hand. I have several friends who are sledders and during the few weeks when they were able to get out on the trails their comments about the trails have mirrored those of Mr. Schneider.

I have been told that in order to get good trails they have to head north. To my mind this speaks directly to the ongoing tourism discussion. The County Fair is another example of something not quite right. I've been thinking about this since last August and am aware that the volunteer base puts a great deal of time and effort into this event, but when my three-year-old grandson is bored within 1/2 hour of arriving,

I believe that some re-thinking has to take place. He played with the animals, had a ride on the ponies, watched the lawn tractors warm up and ate some ice cream then started yawning. We would have stayed for lunch but the line-ups to the two available food vendors were brutally long. It was ironic indeed that the folks from Wintergreen were there in force but their barbeque was not fired up for some reason.

Minden might want to send a task force over to the folks in Kinmount to see what it is that they are doing right. Budgets are very tight but tourism is our business.

With great respect,

Jon James
Minden

Leave law enforcement alone

Dear Editor:

There goes Victoria Ward again: looking at the world from her narrow artistic niche in last week's column.

You may share her dislike of censorship, Mr. Editor, but now is the time to look again at her usually elitist and, this time, dangerous for national security, verbosity.

Treating as a hero a suspicious Middle Eastern "artist" who was being investigated for possible links to world jihad and by dunking in ridicule law enforcement people who were, amusingly for Ms. Ward, "overwhelmed with information" as a result of Hasan M. Elahi's subsequent obstructionism, is a sad choice for Canadian journalism.

In the face of what she calls technofascism and reflecting

on how some are trying "to spy on us," Ms. Ward discovers with relief that "an artist however has one advantage" (did I mention elitism?). Perhaps, pointing out the "infinite tedium" under which "bureaucrats" belabour?

In the face of determined aggression against our Western values by world jihadism now is not the time, neither for "artists" nor for journalists, to heap ridicule on law enforcement personnel who are just trying to do the job that taxpayers are paying them to do: protect our civilization from outside erosion.

Goodness knows how good we all are at inside erosion.

Charles Lutz
Haliburton

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The Outsider — Make mine a warm flat one

As I write this missive I'm feeling somewhat delicate. I'm troubled by a malaise that makes my body and mind ache, while my stomach churns in slow regular rotations guaranteed to bring on a bout of queasiness with each turn. My ailment (much to my lovely wife's disgust) is that bane of the late night reveler, that wrecker of the morning after, a hangover.

You may have noticed the odd reference in previous Outsider columns to 'lovely warm flat beer'. It was this delicious beverage that I sampled last night. And when I say sampled, I mean I tasted first one pint then a second, closely followed by a third, fourth and so on, all in the name of research for my weekly report to you fair readers.

I made notes while drinking: mental notes on the ale, its taste, balance, body, aroma and tucked them safely into corners of my mind. Unfortunately, they were the same corners that I seem to have obliterated with an overindulgence of alcoholic beverages.

Hmm. And so, what to write? What interesting and informative ditties to delight you Haliburtonian folk with while I recover my usual journalistic swagger?

An excuse for my condition would perhaps be a good place to start. And for that I shall take you on an historical tour of the place of my birth. Bear with me and I'm sure you'll see I can be forgiven for my hangover.

Burton-on-Trent, the town where I came into this world,

grew up around the local monastery, which was founded in the 7th Century by St. Modwen. Monks, doing what monks do best, began to brew beers almost as soon as they had the abbey walls complete (there was some praying, too, I'm sure, probably for their sore heads) and ever since the town has been renowned as a British brewing mecca.

By the mid-19th century, around the time when Haliburton was being founded, Burton's 30 breweries were brewing over a quarter of all beer drunk in the country, as well as transporting it to the coast where it was shipped to India, Prussia and other far corners of the ever-expanding British Empire.

But, while this history is an interesting aside it is no excuse for my own sore head. However, Burtonian's, being a folk keen to uphold tradition, have continued to brew beer and the public house is a favourite venue for reminiscing about, and tasting, their heritage. Today, the town is home to the National Brewing Museum, while it and the surrounding district, which is geographically spread over an area of less than an eighth of the size of the Township of Minden Hills, has in excess of 200 pubs. You can now begin to see my predicament, I hope.

I have been back in Burton for just over two weeks and until last night I had managed to keep my sampling of the vast array of lovely warm flat local beer to a respectable level. However, my love of a good cask conditioned pint

(these are the warm flat ones) overcame me when surrounded by old pals and a dizzying choice of beers.

In just one pub (this wasn't some crazed teenage style pub-crawl around multiple establishments) there were eight different beers from four different breweries, and that's not counting the fizzy lagers. My chums and I started out respectfully, commenting, as mentioned, on taste, balance, aroma and body. However, a few hours and a few beers later we'd mostly lost our ability to taste; we had no balance at all and the aroma! All I can say is that warm flat beer does strange things to your bowels.

And so, here I am with a headache and still gurgling stomach, wondering whether my on-the-job research and subsequent history lesson has served as adequate justification for my condition? It matters little I guess but just in case you are still frowning at me, here's something to make you Canadians smile.

Burton-on-Trent may have been founded some 900 years before Haliburton, 700 years before the colonization of Canada, no less. And, its brewers may have shipped their wares all around the globe but you know who the biggest brewer in Burton-on-Trent is today? Molson Coors!



By Will Jones

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Minden Hills

Model-T convention rolling into Minden

By Terrance Gavan

Minden Subaru owners Ethel and Charlie Muli visited Minden Hills Council on Feb 23 to request fee waivers on the use of Minden fairgrounds to host a Model-T convention from May 25-28.

The Mulis belong to a Model-T club that will be exploring Haliburton County during its quarter century tour. Ethel told council that visiting members from Michigan and Ontario would be driving to local tourist spots including the Haliburton Forest, the Big Hawk Lake log chute, some local artisans and artists studios and other venues of historical and aesthetic interest in the Haliburton Highlands.

She added that approximately 30 Model-T owners would be involved, and in their submission the Mulis said that about 100 individual visitors would be onsite for the duration of the weekend. Ethel said that the event could deliver in excess of \$7,000 in economic benefits to local business, including hotels, restaurants and shops. She added that they would actually be using about half of the Minden Fairgrounds as a base camp, and requested that council consider a user fee waiver. The usage fee for a four-day rental for half the fairgrounds is \$412, and the rental of the township's marquee tent is \$600, plus a building permit fee and \$100 in municipal staff costs to erect the tent.

Minden Hills Community Services Director Rick Cox said that fee concessions had not been made in the past for family reunions. "I liken it to a family reunion except that it's a reunion for Model-T enthusiasts," said Cox. "The big thing is the tent. The tent takes a fair amount of staff to put up, plus the building permit (because of the size of the tent)." Cox added that there is a smaller tent in Irondale which could be utilized and because of its size no building permit was necessary. He said that putting up the fairgrounds tent would require several of his staff for construction and tear down, while the Irondale tent would involve less manpower.

Reeve Barb Reid said that the township has only waived rental fees for charitable organizations. "We would be going against our policy," Reid said. Councilor Ken Redpath concurred on that point and added that a waiver on this might be construed as a thin edge of the wedge concession. "I think we should follow that policy; if we continue to allow this request where does it go for future requests?" he asked.

The amended motion stipulated that tent fees would not be waived and that rental fee be dropped to \$150 plus HST instead of the normal \$412.50. The Mulis, with Cox's help, will also look into the option of the Irondale tent.



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The Highland Yard returns

Runners will square off on August long weekend

By Terrance Gavan

The original Highland Yard running race started way back in 1971 and at that time it was called the Heineken Yard.

The Heineken company originally sponsored the running race and when they took their European-styled yard glass and went home, it became known simply as the Highland Yard.

Over the past decade, the Highland Yard was in solid decline and when it lost Amici Charities (www.amicharity.org) as their primary organizer, it looked like the Yard was done.

At a Minden Hills committee of the whole meeting last week, Minden's Jane Boyd appeared before council with a request to shut down Minden's Main Street on Sunday,

August 5 (long weekend), for a running race revival of sorts.

This year's Yard will kick a tradition and instead of running on the Friday of the long weekend – a traditional day for the Yard – the runners will muster on Sunday.

Boyd appeared with a request to council last week, asking for road closures on Main Street from 10 am to noon on Sunday, August 5. Boyd also explained that the race would be jointly organized by Places For People and Minden Rotary.

"I think it's a fabulous idea to change the time to Sunday," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

The reeve did ask someone to contact the churches in advance of the event to ensure that they knew about the road closures.

The 10-kilometre race starts at 10 am, the five-kilometre run at 10:15 am and the two-kilometre run and walk begins at 10:30 am.

For registration and more info visit the website at highlandyard.ca.

'Good neighbour' recognized

Plaque installed at township office for Daniel Allison

By Terrance Gavan

Minden's Daniel Allison probably doesn't consider a day sawing through trees with a hand-held saw anything special.

After near-tornado winds swirled into the county last year and left a swath of felled trees along Deep Bay Road, Allison waded into the mess and spent the better part of the day removing debris so that his neighbours could get to work, to shops and to family and friends.

Minden Council and Reeve Barb Reid rewarded his stellar and painstaking efforts with the presentation of the second annual Good Neighbour Award.

Last year, an anonymous donor stepped forward and instituted the award.

"[Allison] spent hours clearing a pathway for vehicles to be able to access their homes down the Deep Bay Road," Reid said at the March 8 committee of the whole meeting.

Reid explained that Allison was chosen from a list of worthy candidates by a select panel made up of a Minden township resident, a member of council, a local service club rep and a seasonal resident or cottager.

A plaque honoring his good samaritan status was installed at the township office.



Reeve Barb Reid displays a plaque honouring Daniel Allison for his community service. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

Council salaries revealed

By Terrance Gavan

Minden Hills Council's salaries and expense accounts were approved by councilors last week at the March 8 committee of the whole meeting.

The public documents are posted — per Municipal Act regulations — on the Minden Hills website, mindenhills.ca.

Councilors took home \$128,492 in salaries, \$1,394 in travel, and another \$9,190 in education and conference expenses for a total of \$139,057. Costs and transportation for the Minden Hills four-person adjustment committee totaled around \$3,200.

The total council pay and sundry expenditures comes to \$142,295.

Reeve Barb Reid received \$24,822 in salary and she spent \$340 in travel and \$0 in educational or conference expenses. Deputy-Reeve Cheryl Murdoch earned \$19,858, claimed no travel and charged \$40 in conference and educational expenses.

Minden Hills Councilors Lisa Schell, Brigitte Gall, Larry Clarke, Ken Redpath and Jean Neville earned \$16,754 in yearly stipends.

Redpath's travel totaled \$597, Neville spent \$179, Gall and Schell collected \$100 and Clarke charged \$75.

Schell charged nothing to conferences and education. Clarke spent \$2,893, Gall spent \$1,943, Neville approximately \$2,224 and Redpath spent \$1,944.

Highlands East

Proposed by-law takes aim at clear-cutting

Councilors consider severe restrictions on shoreline tree removal

By Stephen Patrick

At the March 13 meeting of the Highlands East council, County Director of Planning Jane Tousaw and County CAO Jim Wilson outlined the proposed Shoreline Tree Preservation by-law. Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands had both requested that they see a draft version of the by-law before committing to its implementation.

The by-law essentially legislates just what property owners who have lake or navigable river shoreline access may do with the trees and shrubs close to the water. In essence, no one may cut down trees of more than 4.5 metres in height, over 10 centimetres in circumference, which are within 30 metres of any lake or river. The restrictions are even more severe for land than is adjacent to spawning beds; and there are different rules for properties that have steep, rocky slopes.

The by-law also allows tree cutting for building purposes, and for access paths to the water of five-metres in width. Landowners who have large holdings and who already operate their lands under an approved forestry management plan are exempt.

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Suzanne Partridge thanked

the county planners for what she described as their “very impressive” draft, and she was joined in her praise by the rest of council. Partridge did suggest that public input was essential as the county refined the proposed by-law and Tousaw and Wilson agreed wholeheartedly.

Tousaw also pointed out that each municipality would have the right to make exceptions if a property owner were to make a case for some cutting.

“If, for example, a property owner wants to have an arborist develop a plan for his trees that involves some cutting, that would certainly be permitted. What this proposed by-law is really aiming at is the property owner who wants to clear-cut his land. And we all realize that we have a lot at stake here: our shorelines are our future.”

Tousaw also said that this legislation would be among the first of its kind in the province, and she welcomed further input from the public. The county will be advertising with public notices, and presumably will be available for presentations to cottage association meetings this spring.

‘Geocaching Capital of Canada’

Artist Jan Simon, representing the Highlands East Studio Tour, appeared before council to request some financial assistance for this summer’s 10th annual event.

“We want to do something really special this summer to celebrate our anniversary, and we’re expanding our annual tour to include two consecutive weekends in August (11-12 and 18-19),” said Simon. “We’re also going to promote our area as the ‘Geocaching Capital of Canada’ and will offer

geocaching with an artistic flare. The Algonquin Gateway Business Association has developed an enameled coin, which we’ll use as draw prizes, as well as gift certificates for the various studios.”

The Studio Tour will also be sponsoring a workshop in watercolour techniques in Gooderham under the leadership of artist Peter John Reid. The hope is to have as many as 14 participants.

Reeve Dave Burton said that the plans sound very exciting and that council applauds the organizers’ efforts. Reeve and council promised to give serious consideration to the Tour’s request of a grant of \$2,000 to assist in marketing and promotion.

Roads department

Council accepted the recommendation of roads department head, Earl Covert, and approved the purchase of a backhoe from John’s Equipment for \$80,214 and a loader from Norcross for \$162,295. Council also considered a request from Dysart et al to post a speed limit of 50 KPH on Minnicock Lake Road and Followfield Road, part of the boundary between the municipalities.

CUPE negotiations continue

Negotiations between CUPE 4416 and the municipality are ongoing. Reeve Dave Burton said that the negotiations were “proceeding ahead” under conciliation, but under the rules of the conciliation process, refused further comment.



Blues Bash

Organist Lance Anderson, drummer Mike Sloski and local guitar hero Stan Russell wowed a sold out crowd of 150 at the B3 Blues Bash at the Dominion Hotel on March 10. Photos by George Farrell.



Jerry Corby and Carol Lefebvre enjoying the festivities. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.

Fundraiser dance for Community Living

Community Living is that much closer to purchasing a van after their first successful fundraiser dance on Saturday, March 10 at Camarvon Bowl.

“We had a great time and came a little closer to our goal of purchasing a van to help us do our important work,” said Tim Tofflemire of Community Living.

Those served by the organization danced the night away along with members of the community.

The organization wants to purchase a van for recreational outings, employment supports and community participation. It will also be used to transport Special Olympics athletes to events in Haliburton County and beyond.

The next fundraiser dance will feature a live band and will be held on Saturday, April 14 (location to be announced).

Community Living would like to thank the board of directors for their hard work and everyone who attended the first dance.

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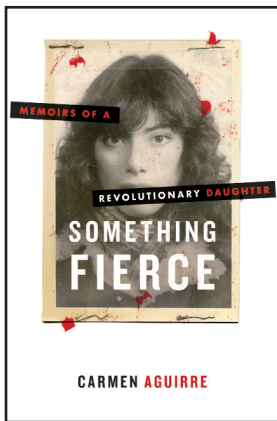
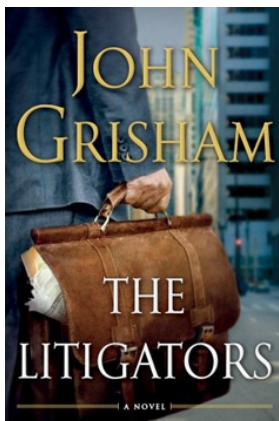
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State of the Arts ■

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of March 12 – March 18.



HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *The Litigators* by John Grisham
2. *11/22/63* by Stephen King
3. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
4. *Down The Darkest Road* by Tami Hoag
5. *Lone Wolf* by Jodi Picoult

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre
2. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
3. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
4. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain
5. *The 17 Day Diet* by Mike Moreno

In February, CBC's Canada Reads 2012 concluded. Canada Reads is an annual literature competition between books chosen by well-known Canadian personalities. This year, all the books in contention were non-fiction titles and hip-hop musician Shad's choice. *Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter* was crowned the winner after four days of heated debate. As you can tell from our Top 5 Non-Fiction list, people were listening. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre, currently the library's most popular non-fiction title, is described as "a gripping, darkly comic first-hand account of a young underground revolutionary during the Pinochet dictatorship in 1980s Chile." You can reserve *Something Fierce*, and any other of the great 'Canada Reads 2012: True Story' finalists at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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By Victoria Ward

Dance in three dimensions

Dance is one of those art forms that most people seem wary of. I know many people who say to me, "I just don't get dance." What most people don't understand about dance is that most of life is choreographed; politics, the military, visiting a restaurant, weddings, holiday events, sports, all involve

calculated movement. Much modern dance takes its references from these modern and ancient rituals that we participate in on a daily basis. As an art form it examines our most intimate and nuanced moments better than any other. Sometimes it actually takes a live human being to express a human experience.

I am an extremely uncoordinated person who loves to throw myself onto a dance floor and go crazy any chance I get. Those close to me often have to remind me that I am a spaz and will possibly hurt myself if I don't calm down. With sports it was the same deal; in high school I overcompensated for my lack of grace by huddling around a cigarette reading Sartre and Camus.

I have however, from a young age, been lucky to see some great dance and dancers. My mother took all of us, even my hockey-obsessed brothers to see the National Ballet of Canada in the 70s. I saw Karen Kain dance with Rudolph Nureyev. For my sister and me it was like watching electricity being invented right in front of us. My sister even got to meet Karen Kain once and it was like meeting the Queen.

Though my love for dance began with ballet it moved onto modern as I grew. I am of a generation who has the fortunate timing to experience Twyla Tharp, Bill T. Jones, Merce Cunningham, Mark Morris, La La Human Steps, Carbone 14 and a resurgence of the Martha Graham Company. Michael Jackson plays a role in here too as he introduced a whole new generation to those Hollywood geniuses Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire - dancers I was raised on due to my parents being film buffs.

This past year a film was released that celebrates dance in a way that I have never seen before. *Pina*, by Wim Wenders is a dance documentary filmed in 3D. The subject of the film is Pina Bausch, a German revolutionary choreographer who had the audacity to make dance theatre and theatre dance. Wim Wenders is the sly and cultish filmmaker and also a

fellow countryman who directed the masterpiece *Wings of Desire*. The two met many years ago and began a discussion on how they could work together. With the invention of 3D film technology, Wenders decided he could make Pina's work come alive to a static cinema audience. Unfortunately, just as filming began, Bausch was diagnosed with cancer and died five days after diagnosis. The film is now not only a tribute to her work but everlasting evidence on celluloid of how art, in all its forms, will miss her.

Pina is a revelation because it combines film technology with art without the art getting lost in film techno-excess. Several senior filmmakers have now turned their sites to this new 3D format and have figured out how to bend its will to theirs. James Cameron's *Avatar* was the first in this attempt. By taking game technology and applying it to old-fashioned story telling, Cameron was able to make, essentially a western, into the most au courant digital film event in decades. Enter Werner Herzog and Martin Scorsese, whose films *The Forgotten Cave* and *Hugo* respectively have become international hits making more money for their creators than any past work. The 3D technology on display in these films is the vessel for story telling and not the other way around.

Pina is a dance piece and its documentary format works and does not interfere with the astonishing choreography and set-ups. The talking brings emotional texture to an already visceral film experience. Most of the dancers in the film had worked with Bausch for over 20 years: they are not young. In their 50s and 60s, they flail themselves about the city of Wuppertal where her Tanztheatre company has its base. They dance, they emote and they push their taught and wizened bodies through the film and out toward us with ultimate grace.

Bausch's choreography is the most influential on the planet. A worker in her parent's café as a child, she was influenced by how the patrons moved among the tables and in and out of relationships while doing so. *Café Mueller* is her most famous piece and its 20 or so minutes in this film parlays the exact emotive pitch and caliber of physical wisdom of a live performance. You will never watch a couple embrace in a café the same way again after experiencing this film.

I am lucky; I saw a Pina work live while on a trip to Berlin. Most people have not had the fortunate opportunity to see this elegant and romantic artist's work. This film brings her and her impact, which is amazing (any one who moves on stage owes a debt to her) to everyone. I dare anyone to watch this film and say, "I don't get dance" ever again.



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William Kurelek: The Messenger

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Reviewed by Victoria Ward

William Kurelek (Alberta born, 1927-1977) is one of Canada's most recognized artists of the 20th century. His paintings of prairie landscapes and new immigrant farmers are among this country's favourite folk style work. However, these wonderful depictions of simple, family life on the farm belie another Kurelek that has been played down or overlooked in the course of his career and beyond.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton, along with the Winnipeg Art Gallery and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, has assembled the largest survey of his work ever and it is on display now in Hamilton until late spring. Hamilton, Winnipeg and the west coast are all areas close to where Kurelek lived and painted during his life. It is fitting that he moved across the country, depicting its desolation, isolation and fraught narratives between urban and rural. His work now stands as some of the best painting ever seen in this nation and there is now no doubt that his reputation as a master painter will only grow.

As a retrospective *The Messenger* shows an artist who spent his professional time reconciling with personal demons, struggles with faith, values and finding solace in the natural world. There are in fact several Kurelek psyches in this exhibition: prairie documentarian, landscape innovator, draftsman, carpenter, social critic, anti-industrial zealot, religious zealot and a depressive crippled by bouts of violent anxiety. Remarkably, in an act of, I think, great bravery, the curators have decided to begin your Kurelek journey with his most dark and difficult work.

Kurelek spent time in a psychiatric ward in England where he made work so dark, so nightmarish and so frightening that none of my university Freudian studies did anything to allay my own anxiety while viewing it. After several gorgeous works depicting children at play, and cruelty, you walk into two dimly lit rooms where paintings of violence and despair fill the walls. Each painting has a direct nod to Heironymous Bosch, Pieter Bruegel, and Matthias Grunewald – those northern geniuses of the late medieval world – in composition, style and, in fact, subject matter.

This sets a tone that is stunningly stark. You are with a man whose whole life was experienced through a vortex of inner turmoil. With titles like *I spit on life* and *Behold man without God*, I realized that my Gothic heroes back in the punk days had nothing on this guy – move over Poe and Baudelaire, here is a true authentic spectre of the dark soul, a child of the night and a tortured intellect of epic battles.

One of my companions mentioned that the painting, *The Maas Maze* 1971, a sectioned brain with scenes of clinical sadism held within, had been used on a heavy metal record cover in the 70s, which didn't surprise me a bit.

But referencing my recollections of adolescent angst belittles the profundity of this work. Kurelek's visions, and they are visions of the highest order, are in fact steeped in 20th century anxiousness.

Kurelek eventually converted to Catholicism, which clearly

helped him to face his demons. Late in life he would say that his psychiatric troubles were spiritual in nature, not psychological. The aptly titled retrospective comes from this directive; that Kurelek was a messenger, here to warn us of how the world would become without God. Catholicism is the doctrine of the messenger. The Eucharist's invocation, *Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us*, came hauntingly back to me from my childhood.

One room is devoted to a series of works based on the Stations of the Cross. These are extraordinary works with a draftsman's deftness, an artist's vulnerability and text directly from the Gospel of St. Matthew. They do not have all the Stations in the exhibit, but they had enough to allow the viewer to see what a true believer Kurelek was. You are reminded of the religious iconic work of Lucas Cranach – another early reference. He definitely reached back in history to a time where artists worked with the Church.

The Stations are square pieces with text along the bottom. Like film slides or comic storyboards, they are a modern reflection on the nature of what the Stations are to Christians and their importance as story.

Another room holds large, colourful depictions of Kurelek's idea of hell – the urbanization of mankind. Toronto's City Hall is captured as a place of severe fascist degradation (*Harvest of Our Mere Humanism Years* 1972) with rows of people lining up to be slaughtered; an academic representation with books as a face shows people being turned into liquid. The piece is a direct reference to Bruegel and Bosch's work (both palette and composition) and it is fascinating in its criticism of the newly-built city hall and what many consider Toronto's heyday.

In the same room is Hamilton (This is the *Nemesis* 1965), shown as ravaged by fire and nuclear explosions, bodies strewn about and Toronto across the lake disappearing into an apocalyptic horizon. It's easy to forget how real was the threat of nuclear war just 40 or so short years ago. Kurelek was often quoted as believing that nuclear annihilation would be man's judgment.

These works seem to speak to Kurelek's distrust and disgust at the modern institutions we have come to rely on: academia, politics, industry and not the Church. Without God and the Church, Kurelek seems to be saying we are bereft of beauty, love and peace.

Once you cross the hall and enter the last three rooms however, you leave this darkness and come into the light. *The Manitoba Party* is a famous painting with overtly architectural lines and dimensions. It depicts a busy tent full of tables with planks across the seats; food in various degrees of being unwrapped; families milling about inside and outside the tent in anticipation of a down home meal. It is a peasant last supper if you will; the tableau is deliberately heightened with cathedral connotations. On viewing it, you enter and exit the tent as though there. It's masterful and what Kurelek became known for above all else.

Having just left the rooms of blood-drenched religiosity however, the scene is now far more poignant, or ominous, depending on your spiritual leanings. I went to the exhibit with a theological PhD student, an atheist, a Yogi/Hinduist and several lapsed Catholics; the conversation afterward was

interesting to say the least.

The final two rooms exemplify both Kurelek's undeniable skill and his solemn devotion to the landscape. *The Netherne Hospital Workshop* 1954 shows Kurelek's draftsmanship extremely well. It's a busy workshop with perfect focus, a subtle and delicious palette. A small moment is depicted – a lone figure sits in contemplation, practically hidden by the machinery. His still lifes with tools that accompany this work are also decorative and lovely.

The final room full of his landscapes creates a summation for the exhibit. Kurelek, perhaps a misanthrope by nature, saddened by the lack of God in modern man's daily life, finds great poetry and spiritual salvation where the land meets the sky. Kurelek might have said in life these landscapes were his cash cow; they are in fact far more worthy than that, they reflect an artist in full swing. By pushing the sky and heaven into a band straddling the top of the work, it's as if the artist and subject matter are figuring out their relation to each other. The sky is there, we are here and there is land all around us. We are part of something greater than ourselves. Suddenly humans are in the correct proportion to their importance in the material realm. That is, they are small and quieted by the mystery that surrounds us all.




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Aging Well

Getting up on water skis



By Penny Brown

Dear Penny,

Every summer, my kids bug me to get up on water skis. I've decided to give it a try before it's too late. I'm 68 and still in good health, so it looks like this summer is a good time to give it a shot. Is there anything I can do to prepare so I don't kill myself?

Stan the Man

Dear Stan,

That's a great question and I applaud your gumption. I'm also glad you've decided to get into shape before trying a new and strenuous physical activity.

Of course, it's a good idea to check with your doctor before you set out on those skis—just to be sure there is no reason you shouldn't give it a try. But if you get the all-clear, here are some exercises you can do to prepare your body.

Waterskiing is particularly hard on your quadriceps (the muscles in front of your thigh) and your gluteus muscles (the muscles in your seat.) You'll want to strengthen them as much as you can.

Start by walking or biking daily to strengthen your legs. Then try these exercises to strengthen those two key areas.

1. Get down on your knees and sit on your heels. Reach both hands out in front of you and lift your seat off your heels. Keep your trunk straight and lean back at a 45 degree angle. Hold for a count of 10. Return to starting position and repeat five times. Progress by increasing the length of the hold and the number of times you perform the exercise.

2. Stand with your back against a wall and slide down the wall until you are almost in a sitting position. Hold that position for a count of 10. Slide up the wall. Rest

and repeat five times. Progress by increasing the length of your "sit" and the number of repetitions.

3. Squat in a doorway with your hands holding the frame for balance. Straighten one knee so your heel is on the floor. Now hop to change legs and continue doing so 15 times.

Your arms will also get a workout when you ski. There will be an enormous pull on your shoulders and your chest and upper back muscles will also be called into play. Try these exercises to prepare your upper body.

1. Swimming is great for shoulder strength, so if you have access to an indoor pool, get started now.

2. Walk with weights in your hands. Use regular weights or 4-5 lbs. of stones in a zip lock bag. For five minutes, make circles with your arms as you walk. Then raise your arms straight to the side for five minutes of walking. Continue alternating these exercises.

3. Stand very close to a wall facing it and put both hands on the wall. Attempt to push yourself away from the wall using your arms. At the same time, use your body to prevent the movement. Push as hard as you can. Relax and repeat.

4. Push-ups are good too. If a full push-up is too hard, let your knees touch the floor as you push.

That should get you started, Stan. Let me know how it goes. And good luck on those skis.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort, or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

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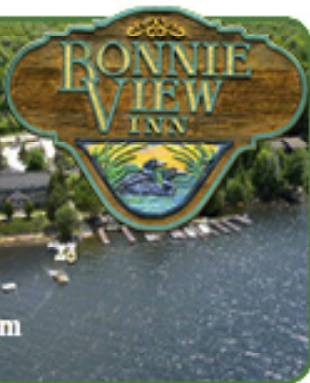
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Highlander adventures

From Northwest Territories to the Highlands

Former Ice Pilots star is the new manager of Stanhope Airport

By Terrance Gavan

Duane Hicks is ensconced on a comfy couch in the Stanhope Airports arrival lounge.

Okay, so it's the arrival lounge, departure lounge, pilots' lounge and sometimes breakfast nook. And it's about the size of your average rec room. Hicks, the new manager of the Stanhope Airport, looks remarkably relaxed on that chesterfield.

Almost like he's at home watching an episode of the wildly entertaining cult television series, *Ice Pilots*, a History Channel reality series starring legendary bush pilot, Buffalo Joe McBryan, and his fly-by-night business, Buffalo Airways. Hicks starred as an incoming efficiency expert on *Ice Pilots* during the third season in 2010-11.

Buffalo Joe is one of the most cantankerous and insufferably angry, foul-mouthed bosses in the history of flight. The staff have neither the time nor inclination to welcome the guy — Hicks — who is there to bring Buffalo Airways, kicking and screaming, into the 21st century.

This is a tough task, considering the *Ice Pilots* fly mostly vintage DC-4s and DC-3s — hardy, ugly, bestial, flying 60-year old boxes that have nonetheless proved remarkably durable, and relatively safe, flying the Canadian north in -50 Celsius temperatures.

We watched the Buffalo Airways trailer together. Hicks just laughs as he sees the workers comment on him, the new guy, who is there ostensibly to improve the operation. Hicks is introduced as “the new top gun, hired to turn it all around.” The “it” could be the airline, might be the staff, or it might even be Buffalo Joe himself. “You gotta realize,” Hicks says

in the video, “that to make change, people are going to get upset.”

The staff is unsure about him. One old timer says, “He’s a yes man.”

Hicks just turns to me and laughs. “Not true,” he smiles.

A woman says Hicks “slithers around like a pompous snake, watching us.”

That gets another chuckle from Hicks, who appears remarkably upright and not at all slithery.

Now, it's reality television, but Hicks says that he was able to install some fresh ideas and get a handle on some of the many organizational hiccups he found.

He still has his Buffalo Airways jacket, and it's usually hanging on his office chair. Hicks is back where he's happiest, at an airport, with a job to do. Stanhope Airport is not Buffalo Airways and Carol Moffatt, the Reeve of Algonquin Highlands and his de facto boss is not Buffalo Joe McBryan.

Hicks in real life is not larger than life, and he's definitely no reality television caricature.

He grew up in the airline industry; he's not a pilot, but he sure knows a lot about planes. Indeed planes have been his life for as long as he can remember.

“My grandfather started a company in 1947, Hicks Air Service,” he says. His grandfather was a pilot instructor and “one of the best teachers during wartime.”

Granddad went on to form Hicks and Lawrence Limited, one of the oldest aviation companies in Canada.

“It grew from crop dusting to flight training and my dad bought my grandfather out in the 1980s. He was involved in forest fire work mostly. He was a pilot and an engineer

and I grew up loving the engineering end. I then bought the business from my dad and we went public in 2006. At that point I thought I would get out of aviation for a while.

“And when I came back I went up and did a little consultation work for Buffalo Airways.” He makes clear that reality TV was a part of it, but he was hired as a bona fide consultant.

He left the north in search of new challenges. He says the chance to come to a small airport with growth potential intrigued him and he applied for the Stanhope position on a whim.

“This job came up for the airport side of things and I had never worked for anybody before, so I put a resume in, and here I am,” says Hicks. “The reason this job intrigued me is because there's so much room for expansion. The biggest part of the expansion that I'm looking forward to is working with the Ministry of Natural Resources [on the proposed fire base]. I have a good relationship with them from 1985 and it's still going strong today.

“I've done bird-dogging and fire detection for the Ontario government in the past and a lot of the players I met are still involved in fire fighting today. Actually, we used to come in here and sit on red alert, and if you look up on the wall there [pointing to a wall of photos in the lounge] you can see one of my planes sitting on the runway. So I know the area and the MNR are real good people to be around and work with. Hopefully they're going to build a fire centre here and that will create jobs and expand the airport.”

He says that the imminent closure of Buttonville Airport has prompted a number of inquiries from owners about putting their planes in hangars at Stanhope.

“I want to make it a good business; it's a good airport and it's sustainable with very little help from the taxpayers,” says Hicks. “We're really not running that much of a deficit and I hope to make it better. More self-sustaining and profitable.”

Of course the proposed runway expansion, a holdover project, is not on his horizon right now, but he is aware of the controversy surrounding the addition of a crosswind runway.

“That's before my time, and right now it's nothing to do with me, but I'm sure if the airport is sustainable and the fire base comes, we'll be looking at that,” says Hicks. “I can tell you that there are pros and cons about the new runway. I think we could use an extra runway, but that's my personal opinion and I know that there's a large controversy surrounding it.”

Hicks believes Stanhope Airport, with the impending closure of Buttonville, could grow in the next several years. “Opportunities are out there,” says Hicks. But he maintains that the fire base proposal is a key factor.

“I think that the fire base could create 20 to 30 jobs,” says Hicks. “And I think that this airport could be very beneficial and service the whole county.

“This airport has been under-utilized in the past, but let's not look at the past. I think it's time we started to look forward.”

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Duane Hicks outside his new office at Stanhope Airport.
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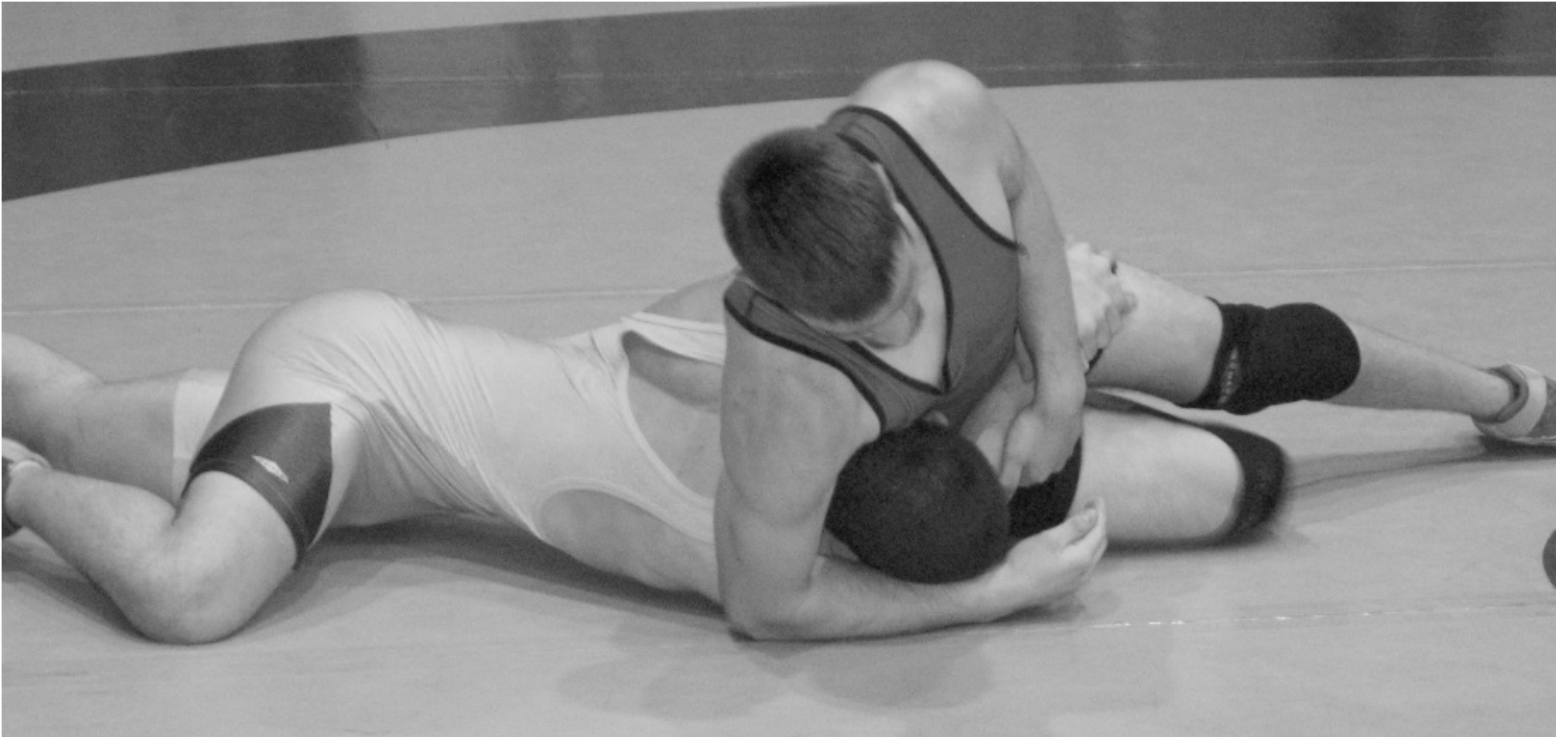
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Red Hawk veteran Zane Zondervan works to score with a head and arm hold. Photo by Paul Klose.

Red Hawk wrestlers hold their own at OFSAA championships

By Paul Klose – Wrestling Coach

The 2011-2012 wrestling season came to a fantastic finish last week as six wrestlers from HHSS travelled to Peterborough to compete at the 2012 OFSAA Wrestling Championships. The event saw 860 of the best athletes from around the province battle it out for gold.

This year, the OFSAA championships were hosted by the COSSA region. Coach Roger Jenkins from Crestwood Secondary School convened the tournament, which ran from March 5-7.

It was a tremendous feat to transform the Peterborough Memorial Centre into a first-class wrestling venue. Over 200 volunteers worked together to help make the event an overwhelming success.

Haliburton wrestlers once again showed that they can compete with the best in the province. Congratulations to Bailey Walker (54 kg), Liz Toth (64 kg) and Keith Burley (83 kg) on their solid performances at OFSAA.

Grade 10 student Nichole Honderich (44 kg) stunned many senior wrestlers at the competition; in her first appearance at OFSAA, she wrestled extremely well to finish with two wins and two losses. Coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler look forward to her growth during the next two years. She has tremendous potential as a wrestler and demonstrates spirited passion and commitment toward the sport.

Zane Zondervan (77 kg) finished a tremendous high school wrestling career with a respectable record of three wins and two losses. This was Zane's second consecutive trip to OFSAA, placing in the top eight both times. Few

wrestlers have achieved this level of success. The HHSS wrestling program was fortunate to have Zane as a member. His dedication toward wrestling is unparalleled. He will be missed as he continues to pursue the sport at the University of Guelph.

His leadership has helped to develop many younger wrestlers at HHSS.

The women's team was led by Lily Coneybeare (67.5 kg). Lily wrestled her best matches ever to take home sixth place out of 32 athletes. Her gritty performance and desire to win resulted in a record of four wins and two losses.

The coaches agree that Lily's journey to the provincial podium was one of the highlights of the tournament and a great way to cap off the season.

Congratulations to the entire team for a terrific season!

Walker and Cyr capture Ontario University curling championship

By Terrance Gavan

Jake Walker, Ed Cyr and Connor Duhaime – all former Haliburton High Red Hawk curlers – were on the ice last week, representing their university clubs in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) finals curling spiel at the Guelph Curling Club.

The Waterloo Warriors, skipped by former Canadian Junior

Champion, Walker, won all three of their games on the final day of curling and took home the Warriors seventh OUA curling title.

Walker was ably assisted by Cyr at vice, and during the round robin portion of the event they had to meet and defeat fellow Highlander, Duhaime's University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) team. (Duhaime is the vice.)

Walker and Cyr slid rocks past Carleton Ravens just

squeaking by 3-2 in the final game. Waterloo Warriors with Walker, Cyr, second Geoff Chambers (Innerkip, ON), lead James Freeman (Brantford, ON) and alternate Nathan Ransom (Sioux Lookout, ON) will represent Ontario at the Canadian Interuniversity Sports (CIS) championships at Brock University in St. Catherine's this week, March 14-18.

Duhaime was part of a UOIT Ridgeback team that surprised a lot of Ontario teams this season.

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Foster to compete at nationals

By Terrance Gavan

Greg Foster is on his way to Canmore, Alberta next month and you can bet that Banff in spring – while popping classes – is pretty much a dream come true for an 18-year-old snowboarder.

Foster, a Haliburton High multi-sport senior, won all of his races at the Parallel Giant Slalom (PGS) snowboard races two weeks ago at Mount St. Louis Moonstone and he did it working on a shiny new alpine racing board that he scraped and saved for last fall.

Going fast is in this kid's blood, says his mom Lois Foster, who is a ski patroller and a former ski jumping coach in Thunder Bay.

"Greg started racing at seven years old with Marianne Fenninger's ski program (at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike) and he's a product of Sir Sam's," says Lois, who adds that he's matured in a hurry since becoming a ski and snowboard instructor at the local ski hill this year. "The instructors at Sir Sam's and his former coaches, and Sir Sam's have been behind this kid all year."

Foster is involved in track, soccer, wrestling, cross country, snowboarding and rugby at Hal High. Just before qualifying for the snowboard nationals in Nakiska he outran all competition to become the Ontario high school boarding champion at Mansfield.

His hero is Jasey-Jay Anderson, Canada's world champion snowboarder – now retired – and Foster actually credits Jasey-Jay with improving his technique through the slalom gates.

A straight alpine board is the tool of choice for giant slalom, but until opening day at Sir Sam's in December, Foster had never ridden, raced or attempted a turn on an alpine board.

"I just went at it," says Foster, a serious young man on a mission, eating lunch just outside the instructor's room at Sir Sam's. "I got the new board and boots in November and that's the first time I was on it." Foster, like most of the very successful boarders on the slalom team at Hal High had been racing on a freestyle board, a fun trip but not nearly as effective as the race board.

Greg Foster blossomed. He went from being very good to exceptional. He raced on it all year. And why not? The board, boots and binding had basically cost him his whole summer's salary at a camp. He had no alpine board coaching. He learned how to carve that stiff board from world cup videos, watching Jasey-Jay and others wield thunder on glass through parallel giant slalom and individual timed events. He started to dominate competition in Kawartha, then COSSA and finally in the OFSAA championships at Mansfield. His eyes light up when he explains what the new board gave him.

"I could basically carve on ice," smiles Foster. "I can take it tight into every gate... and then I'm gone." He basically went from OFSAA to his first FIS points race at Mount St. Louis Moonstone. It was an eye-opener for a fresh-faced 18-year-old novice.

"I was kinda' nervous," says Foster. "I looked over at this guy in the other course beside me and I know he was older and better and he had a lot more experience. He kicked my butt the first run down." But Foster hung in and finished in 20th place, enough to earn him valuable FIS points (you only need one FIS point to qualify for the nationals).

"I give myself a little credit because those guys have ridden for years and I've only ridden two months," says Foster. "Mount St. Louis was the first time in parallel gates."

He was hooked on the side-by-side, mano-a-mano racing.

"I placed first at an AOS (Association of Ontario Snowboarders) parallel giant slalom competition at



Greg Foster with his new alpine board at Sir Sam's.
Photo by Terrance Gavan

Moonstone two Sundays ago," he says. "I was racing guys closer to my age and experience and I didn't lose any head-to-heads. During a delay in the race my mom came up to me and said I was in first place. I was the fastest time coming out of the qualifications and when they finally called the race at 5:30 pm, because of darkness, I still had the fastest times. I won the gold."

That suddenly created a whole new problem for mom and Greg. The AOS organizing committee needed \$3,000 up front to put him on the plane to Nakiska in April. Lois and her husband are ski patrollers and that's a job that pays its employees with Bayer aspirins, free tensor bandages and the occasional burnt hot dog from the chalet BBQ.

Lois worked out a deal with AOS and fundraised \$1,500 from friends and family on Monday. That was enough to put Greg's name on a boarding pass out of Toronto on April 3.

"We need another \$1,500 by the end of March, a week before he leaves," Lois said on Monday. "I'd like to get the rest by Tuesday or at least by the end of this week."

"I leave on the third of April and I race on the sixth, and during that time I'll be coached by Mike Towers," says Foster. "I'm nervous and it's my dream to go big. The ultimate is the Olympics. Next year I want to do most of the FIS races, get some coaching and work on my technique and gate planning."

He's a nice kid, a dedicated kid, a coach's kind of kid, who credits Sir Sam's and his introduction to racing on Kingston Road for his current success.

"Marianne (Fenninger) got me into the full speed thing on skis when I was young and then I graduated to a board. I did that program for three winters."

What did he learn at Fenninger's Academie de Ski Tres Vites?

"When you go to the starting gate you have to know where you're headed," smiles Foster. "Mentally I'm at the fifth gate as I hit the second."

He still teaches skiing and likes to snap some gates on skis occasionally. But he smiles when asked if he made the right choice.

"I'm a boarder," says Foster.

Would you like to sponsor Greg's Nakiska quest? Phone the Fosters at 705-489-1038.

Highlander sports

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A winter's dance with the Highlands' Iditarod musher



A few of the Winterdance team dogs. Photo courtesy of Tanya McCready.

By Terrance Gavan – Research Jackie Brooks

Hank DeBruin is in familiar territory, and that's pretty strange considering he's cruising behind 13 dogs along a weirdly wonderful and magnificently embossed musher's trail somewhere between Anchorage and Nome, Alaska.

Last weekend DeBruin, who along with Tanya McCready owns Winterdance Dog Sled Tours here in Haliburton, was in Cripple along with mushers Pat Moon and Karen Ramstead, who were all traveling together in a three team tandem.

Tanya McCready reported last Friday that "Hank is about 27 hours ahead of 2010's time at this point."

She said that traveling with his old friend Moon was great for both men. Tanya, who is there with the couple's four children, says the weather was extremely warm during the first week this year. (Weather is fickle and it's colder now.)

Unfortunately, Moon has since encountered some dog problems and has had to withdraw from the race. Hank had to drop Jay, because of his exceptionally heavy coat during the warm snap. Two of the young dogs, Strawberry and Nuisance were having trouble and Hank has had to drop them as well from the 16-dog team.

Ward McCready, Tanya's brother and Hank's right hand and dog wrangler, is acting as a Fed Ex for dogs and has already picked up all three dogs, who were checked out by a vet as soon as they came off the trail.

"Hank did get a new camera right before the race that had movie capability, and told me he was stupid enough to try to get some footage going down [a] gorge with Strawberry and Nuisance in the sled, so he probably got more shots of his feet flying in the air but he tried," said Tanya on her Facebook blog last weekend. "Hank was in great spirits when I got to see him. He said he was having fun, and dogs looked great. They were extremely loud leaving the

checkpoint."

"Hank was in amazing spirits and said he was having fun!" wrote Tanya. "Unfortunately [Ward's] camera card didn't match Hank's so we don't have any pictures to share yet."

Tanya says that the team's Facebook family – over 1,000 friends – have been very supportive and surprisingly forthcoming.

"Jennifer Laidlaw – a Facebook fan – posted that she had done some fast calculating," says Tanya. "It took Hank just over 12 hours to get to Ruby! That is stellar. All the teams ahead of him took between 10-17 hrs to get there, with most being around 11-14 hours. Wowza!

"Meanwhile another Facebook fan met up with Rick Mercer at the Purina National Dog show on Saturday. Mercer said to say hello and to tell Team Winterdance that he was playing with poodles while Hank was on the Iditarod trial."

Mercer put Haliburton on the map when he did a Mercer Report exclusive from a Winterdance sled dog derby in Haliburton.

Our last report says that Hank is in Galena. Temperatures have apparently come back to normal. "It is currently -32 C in Galena but going up to -18 and mainly sunny, very nice for our dogs, and not even too bad for Hank," writes Tanya.

She reported that she had a chance to chat with her husband on Sunday afternoon. "Hank just called, dogs are all good just a few sore feet and wrists. Trail is really hard and icy. He said last night was down around -40 C with a headwind and the dogs weren't impressed.

"He had both the Strider and Scully and Maverick and Charlie combos up at different times. He thinks he is going to be brave and put up Charlie and Scully when he leaves Galena as they are his speed pair, not very good at going where he wants them to but on the Yukon River there are limited options anyway.

"He fell asleep talking twice so was off to get a few hours, but was in a good mood. He plans on a six or seven hour rest in Galena."

The Iditarod website notes that Hank left Galena at 4:17 pm (Alaska time) heading for Nulato. Hank is currently in 48th position with 10 teams behind him.

But some of the race leaders have encountered big problems.

One of the leading teams withdrew when musher Jake Berowitz cut his hand while tearing up salmon for his dogs. He was being airlifted from Unalakleet and will require some stitches and a surgical consultation. Tanya reported that Jake and Hank raced together. "Hank had a blast around him and had huge respect for the way he handles dogs and a sled," says Tanya. And late Sunday night Iditarod' four-time champion Jeff King scratched after his dogs developed stomach problems and simply refused to budge outside of Unalakleet.

"This year [there are] 66 teams competing and only nine teams have scratched so far but five teams in one day is a lot," wrote Tanya on Sunday night. "Hank is now setting his sights on 2010 Iditarod trail dream buster. He's expected in Nulato in about five hours!"

In 2010, Hank received a phone call from the Iditarod race organizers right there in Nulato. The head of race told him that he would have to withdraw his team. Hank was told that he was too far back of the next sleds.

"Hank really liked the village of Nulato as did Ward, it was the ITC (Iditarod organizers) who made the experience there negative," says Tanya. "He has no worries about stopping there for a rest if the dogs need it and it would be a very long night on the river for all of them if they didn't stop. But we'll see."

"Hank arrived in Nulato at 13 minutes after midnight (AST) with his 13 dog team a minute behind fellow Canadian Karen Ramstead and her pure bred Siberian Husky team.

"People love watching the Siberian Husky teams come into their checkpoints with their tails-a-wagging." From Nulato to Nome, Hank will be running trails that are new to him. From Nulato he will head onto the Yukon River, headed to Kaltag.

By the time we go to print, Hank and team will have those nightmares of Nulato in their rear view mirror.

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Highlander events

March 2012



Owen Duhaime calls the line at the Curl for Care.
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Curl for Care bonspiel rocks

By Terrance Gavan

The year's annual Curl for Care bonspiel raised \$3,700 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's (HHHSF) *Seeing is Believing* campaign. The funds will help buy new x-ray machines for the Minden and Haliburton hospitals.

The HHHSF and the Haliburton Curling Club, along with Steve Todd of Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton, hosted the Saturday, March 10 event.

The annual fundraiser raises funds to assist in the many projects that the HHHSF supports for the furtherance of health care here in the Highlands. This event brings the HHHSF closer to their \$300,000 fundraising goal, with a total of \$230,000 raised.

Dale Walker, the HHHSF's executive director, made a short presentation after the banquet and thanked the curling community in Haliburton County for their continued support. She also made a point of thanking Todd, who has contributed a great deal of time and effort to the bonspiel over the last four seasons.

"Thanks to everyone for coming out and we will be back next year," said Todd.

Haliburton Curling Club's Bob MacNaull rink won the three game, six draw event.

Full results from the Curl for Care bonspiel

First place team:
Skip Bob MacNaull, Ann MacNaull,
Tom Merriman and Morten Wiken.

Second place team:
Skip Mitch Stephen, Wanda Ruddy,
Brian Nicholson and Sue Nicholson

Third place team:
Skip Ron Barr, Elaine Anderson,
Jane Eyres and Brian Hambly

Fourth place team:
Skip Don Wetmore, Erin Wetmore,
Wendy Miller and Dave Harris

MARCH 15 TO 24

- FREE PUBLIC SKATING THROUGHOUT MARCH BREAK AT DYSART ARENA – contact Ray (705) 457-2083, rmiscio@dysarttel.ca, for times

Thursday – 15

- Haliburton Highlands Diabetes Education Network will provide screening and diabetes education, Haliburton County Library, Dysart Branch, 1 pm to 3 pm
- Play Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, 705-457-5345, ext 311
- Cardiff Kinder Group, Point in Time (currently until April 30), Cardiff Elementary School, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, 705-457-5345, ext 311
- Adult's Only Skate, every Thursday, Dysart Arena, 11 am to 12:30 noon (except Feb 9 & Mar 8 times will be 12 noon to 1:30 pm and on Mar 15 times will be from 12:30 pm to 2 pm, \$2 per person, contact Ray, (705) 457-2083
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085
- Bid Euchre, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, (705) 457-2941

Friday – 16

- Iron Kettle Maple Syrup demonstration (Friday & Saturday), Haliburton Museum - exhibits, trails, tobogganing, music, and more, (705) 457-2760
- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, (705) 457-2941
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085
- Shepherd's Table Community Supper, Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton, (705) 457-2851

Monday – 19

- Parent Child Mother Goose, Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre (ending Monday, April 30), 10 am to 11 am, for parents and children (newborn to 2.5

years) learning rhymes, songs and stories together, enjoy a friendly and relaxed morning of fun and learning, register with OEYC at 705-286-4625 or 705-457-2989, offered in partnership with Point in Time

- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club meets every Monday, 6 pm to 9 pm, St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton. Come out for great fun, even better exercise and meet terrific people! Just bring your gym shoes – we provide everything else including Robo-Pong THE ROBOT! Mary or Jeff Martin, (705) 457-2260
- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7 pm to 10 pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca
- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, (705) 457-2941

Tuesday – 20

- Baby Morning - Minden Early Years Centre, 144 Bobcaygeon Road, continuing for 6 weeks, 10 am to 11 am, special programming for parents with babies each Tuesday, topics could include infant massage, making baby food, sleep routines, book making, etc., (705) 286-1770, oeycminden@bellnet.ca
- Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9 am to 12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/running shoes, contact Doug, 705-489-3850
- Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4 pm to 5 pm, admission by donation to Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library
- Euchre Night, West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7 pm to 10 pm, (705) 754-1457, carolstamp@sympatico.ca

Wednesday – 21

- Baby Massage, March 21, 28 & April 3, Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre, 2 pm to 3 pm, for families with a child less than 1 year to learn new ways to help your baby sleep longer and deeper, reduce fussy times, constipation

and more through massage, to sign up contact (705) 457-2989 or email oeycparented@bellnet.ca

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- Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rails End Gallery, 7:30 pm to 9 pm, (705) 457-2330

Thursday – 22

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- Canadian Federation of University Women's Club, Fleming College, 7 pm, Speaker – Gail Holness, Topic – Health & Wellness Through Yoga, wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you want to participate, all women invited – a university degree is not a requirement, 705-447-2402

Friday – 23

- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida (705) 457-2941

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- Sunday, March 17 - 2-6 pm, Volunteer Appreciation Day
- Wednesdays - 7 pm - Bingo

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- Friday – March 23 – Easter Bingo with turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a \$500.00 must go jackpot

MINDEN Branch 636 - John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jjcsloan@gmail.com

- Mondays - 7:30 pm - Cribbage Night
- Wednesdays - lunch time Meat Draw
- Thursdays - 7:30 pm - Euchre Nights
- Fridays: 5 pm to 7 pm - Fish & Chips Dinner

WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

- Friday, March 16 – 5-7 pm, Spaghetti Dinner
- Saturday, March 17 – 2 pm, Meat Draw
- Sunday, March 18 – 1-6 pm, Retro Sunday – retro drink prices
- Mondays - 7 pm – Bid Euchre
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Highlander life



Above: Chris and Angela Bishop make some maple syrup toffee pops for spring break skiers on the deck of Sir Sam's chalet.



Centre: Art Dawson delivers a rock during the Jack Roberston memorial bonspiel.



Right: Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Wild Game Dinner on Saturday night at the Haliburton Legion. Photos by Terrance Gavan.



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Highlander life



The Shout Sister Choir, under the direction of Laurel McCauley (front) was one of several musical acts that performed in celebration of International Women’s Day at the Minden United Church on the evening of March 8. Photo by George Farrell.

Sisters shout out loud

By George Farrell

It was a joyous musical occasion at the Minden United Church on the evening of Thursday, March 8 as people got together to celebrate International Women’s day. The event was a fundraiser for two local service organizations – the YWCA and Point in Time.

Shirley Holmes, who sings with the Outloud Womyn’s Voices, organized the evening “to celebrate women’s achievements in the world.”

Performances included the musical talents of Beth Johns and Norris Turner, Chad Ingram, Wendy and Ken Loney, John Miller, the Outloud Womyn’s Voices and

the Shout Sister Choir.
In an evening of highlights, the Shout Sister Choir, under the direction of Laurel McCauley, distinguished themselves with a rousing, bluesy rendition of the gospel song Peace of Mind. The choir was formed in September of 2011 and has enjoyed a number of public performances.
“The choir is open to any woman. There are no auditions and no one is turned away,” said McCauley. “They’re an amazing group of women who enjoy getting together to sing and have fun.”
The evening raised \$400, which was split equally between the YWCA and Point in Time.

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